

SITUATION REPORT NO. 1
INCIDENT NO. 96-62
DATE: 05-17-96 TIME: 3:00am

TO: Governor Edward T. Schafer
State Capitol
Bismarck, ND 58504

1. NATURE OF DISASTER: High winds and rain starting at 9:00 pm through 2:00 am passed through Grant, Sioux and southern Burleigh counties.

2. DEATH AND INJURIES: No deaths at this time. Three injuries were transported from Cannon Ball via two dispatched ambulances. Cannon Ball also reported numerous walking injuries.

3. DAMAGE:
Grant County-

Elgin received wind damage. Power lines and trees are down.

Carson received major wind damage. The roof was torn off the grain elevator, one trailer home and one barn are destroyed due to a possible tornado. The Grant County Fair Grounds also received major damage. Power lines are down and the city is blacked out. There is a lot of debris scattered. Many large trees and road signs are down. Three gas barrels have tipped and leaked, the immediate area has been secured.

Heil received wind damage. A car reportedly was spun around and the windows blew out due to a possible tornado. The elevator also received damage.

Leith received wind damage to the elevator.

Sioux County-

Cannon Ball received wind damage. Six to seven homes in Cannon Ball have the roofs totally or partially blown off. Four or five trailers are totally demolished. There is significant debris scattered. Trees and road signs are down. Phone service lost in Cannonball.

Selfridge reported 60 mph wind gusts.

Burleigh County-

Bismarck reported 60 mph wind gusts five miles south at Mary College. Bismarck and Mandan received wind damage due to wind gusts of 60-80 mph. Gusts of 79 mph were reported at the airport. Power is off in parts of the city of Bismarck and the roof was lifted off of the Melroe Plant.

Several reports of tree and roof damage have also been received across southern Burleigh County.

4. RESOURCES COMMITTED:

LOCAL: Grant and Sioux county emergency managers, Grant County Commissioners, Carson Mayor, Montana Dakota Utilities Representatives, Grant County Law Enforcement, Bureau of Indian Affairs, and Bismarck Metro Ambulance.

STATE: ND Division of Emergency Management and State Radio Communications.

FEDERAL: None at this time.

5. VOLUNTEER ACTIONS: None at this time.

6. MAJOR ACTIONS: Grant County activated their Emergency Operations Center.

The Division Operations Officer and the REACT Officer relocated to the State Emergency Operations Center.

Grant and Sioux Counties are conducting an initial assessment. The extent of detailed damage is unknown due to black out conditions.

7. ASSISTANCE NEEDED: None at this time.

8. OUTSIDE HELP ON SCENE: None at this time.

9. OTHER INFORMATION: Pending completion of the damage assessment, Mayor Richard Miller, reported that Carson may need state help to remove debris from city streets and fair grounds.

Hail, up to 3/4 inch in diameter was reported in McIntosh County.

Signed _____

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State Director